

FMSIB Board Members



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Dan Gatchet was appointed chair of FMSIB in 2012, after retiring from the trucking industry. Dan began his transportation career working for two US flag ocean carriers; U.S. Lines and American President Lines. His trucking career started in Southern California as president of a large inter-modal trucking company. After moving back to his hometown of Seattle, he started West Coast Trucking in 1993, which he sold to a national trucking company in 2007. During his transportation career, Dan has been actively involved in many of the industry's trade associations. He was a founding member of the American Trucking Association Inter-modal Council and past chair of the California Trucking Association Inter-modal Council. Dan also is a past president of the Washington Trucking Associations. He graduated from the University of Washington and earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of San Francisco.



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Tom Trulove is currently serving his fourth term as Mayor of the City of Cheney, having first been elected to that post in 1977 and reelected in 1981 and 1985. During that time he served on the Board of the Association of Washington Cities and as its President. In 1986 he was appointed as Washington representative to the Northwest Power Planning Council, serving until 1994, including two years as its Chair. In 1995 he resumed his duties as Professor of Economics at Eastern Washington University and has served as Department Chair since. Tom returned to city government and served as a Cheney City Council member from 2005-2009. He resumed his duties as Mayor in 2010.

Tom has an active record of public and private sector service. He currently serves on the Washington Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, AWC Employees Benefit Trust Board of Trustees, Associated Industries Board of Directors where he is Chair, Greater Spokane Incorporated Board of Trustees, Spokane Regional Health District Board, and the West Plains Chamber of Commerce. He also has served on many other bodies including Governor Gregoire's Connect Washington Task Force, as Chair of the Washington Community Economic Revitalization Board, and as Board Member and President of the Municipal Research and Services Center, as well as numerous other state, local, and academic boards and commissions.



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A lifelong Fife resident, **Pat** is in his second term on the Fife City Council. From day one, Pat has put an emphasis on transportation. As a Council member Pat participated in the Tacoma Tide flats Area Transportation Study (TATS), and serves Fife's elected representative to the Pierce County Regional Mobility Access Partnership (RAMP). His lifelong experience in Fife and exposure to the regional transportation planning efforts resulted in Pat's early advocacy and contributions to the City of Fife City Center Visioning and Transportation plans. In recognition of his commitment to and participation in regional transportation planning, Pat was appointed last year (2012) by Governor Gregoire to the Washington State Freight Advisory Committee. Prior to retirement, Pat was a long-time member of the Boilermakers Union with a working career in Ship Building and Steel Fabrication. Pat worked in both the ports of Tacoma and Seattle. his experiences provide him a unique perspective on the diversification and changes necessary how out transportation systems serve the ports and our communities, particularly as they relate to freight mobility at the local, state, and international level.



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Mitch Reister Mitch Reister is a native of Cashmere, WA, graduating with both a BS and MS in Civil Engineering from WSU (Pullman) in 1997 and 2005, respectively. In 1998, Mitch began working full-time for WSDOT in their capital construction program as a staff engineer, eventually becoming the Region Design/Plans Engineer for North Central Region. In April of 2011, he left WSDOT to become the Assistant Public Works Director at Chelan County, and was promoted to Director/County Engineer later that summer.

In 2015, Mitch took on the position of County Engineer for Spokane County, where he is presently Public Works Director & County Engineer. He is also presently serving on the statewide City-County Design Standards Committee along with various other statewide associations and committees focused on transportation issues. Mitch received his Certified Public Official certificate in 2014.



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Mike Karnofski was appointed as a Cowlitz County Commissioner in September 2010 and was elected to a full term in 2012. Mike graduated from the University of Washington with a BS degree in Chemistry and an MS in Forest Resources. He also has an MBA from the University of Portland. Prior to becoming a county commissioner, Mike worked for Weyerhaeuser for 37 years, starting as a Research Scientist and progressing through a variety of engineering and management positions. His last position prior to leaving Weyerhaeuser was Regional Services Manager which was responsible for managing all common onsite activities (roads, sewers, security etc.) and dealing with over 30 local, state and federal agencies. As a Commissioner, Mike serves as Chair of the Southwest Economic Development Commission, is a member of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council and Executive Board, which works on the retention and creation of jobs, and is a member of the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board. He has experience working with local and state agencies on the major freight mobility projects in Cowlitz County. He is looking forward to supporting Washington State economic development by improving freight mobility.

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John Creighton has served on the Seattle Port Commission since 2006. He came to the Commission with broad experience as a lawyer who worked on complex international transactions in the port cities of Singapore, Helsinki, and Istanbul prior to returning home to Seattle. During his tenure, Commissioner Creighton has developed significant expertise in regional transportation and economic policy - he sits on the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board on behalf of the Port and is chair of the SR509 Executive Committee. He has served on the board of Enterprise Seattle, the King County economic development organization, and is an advisory board member of Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau. Creighton earned a B.A. and M.A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University. He went on to earn his J.D. from Columbia University and also has a Certificate in Administration from the University of Washington Business School.



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Geir-Eilif Kalhagen Geir-Eilif Kalhagen served as Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Longview from 2012 to 2016 and was appointed to FMSIB in July 2014 by Governor Inslee. Kalhagen was on the SR 432 Executive board, Cowlitz Economic Development Council Executive Board and served on the Board of the Cowlitz County United Way. He has over three decades of maritime experience working on Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts of North America. In addition, he has extensive overseas experience including representing a major shipping line ultimately responsible for operations throughout South East Asia. He was active in the Washington Public Ports Association serving as Vice Chair for the Trade and Transportation Committee. He also served as a member of the Pacific North West Caucus as well as on the Strategic Plan Sub Committee for the American Association of Port Authorities. Kalhagen was elected and held the position of First Vice President of the Americas by the International Association of Ports and Harbors. Kalhagen earned a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Oregon, a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Political Science from the University of South Alabama and an Associate's Degree in Business Management from Norwalk Community College.



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For more than two decades, **Johan Hellman** has worked with public and private entities to advance policy issues in the Pacific Northwest. He has worked for various organizations ranging in size from small non-profits to large Fortune 25 corporations. His resume' includes service as Communications Director of the Washington State Senate, Legislative Affairs Director of Verizon Communications, and as Assistant Director of the Washington Public Ports Association. He currently serves as Executive Director of state government affairs for the BNSF Railway Co. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys hiking and sailing with his family.



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Roger Millar was appointed the Acting Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation by Governor Jay Inslee in February of 2016. Millar oversees an agency of 6,800 employees, with responsibility for 18,600 lane miles of highway, 3,700 bridges, general aviation airports, passenger and freight rail programs, and the Washington State Ferry system, the nation's largest.

Millar is a second generation civil engineer with 38 years of experience in the transportation arena. During that time he has worked in construction, design, planning, research, policy development, and management and administration in both the public and private sectors. Prior to joining WSDOT, Roger served for five years as vice president of Smart Growth America, a national not-for-profit organization, providing technical assistance to state DOTs in Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Tennessee, and Vermont. He also served as Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition.

Millar was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1999. From 2000 to 2014 he served on the ASCE Committee for America's Infrastructure, which produces the nationally recognized Report Card for

America's Infrastructure.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Millar is a registered engineer in Washington and five other states. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a Certified Floodplain Administrator. Millar has served as President of the Oregon Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and of the Montana Association of Planners.



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Bob Watters Mr. Watters joined Carrix in 1991 as marketing manager. Prior to that, he was in Brand Management and National Sales for Clorox. He is a graduate of the University of Washington. He has over 35 years of experience in the area of business development, 25 of which are in the terminal business. In 1997, Mr. Watters relocated to Singapore to assume overall responsibility for the Company's operations and business development in Asia. During this time, Mr. Watters was responsible for general cargo operations and increasing overall terminal volume for general cargo operations in India, Indonesia and Viet Nam. He was also responsible for identifying and developing new terminal opportunities. In 2001, Mr. Watters returned to Carrix's corporate office to oversee the company's business development. During the last 15 years, he has been involved in privatization efforts and other greenfield terminal developments in the U.S., Mexico, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Colombia, Vietnam, Kenya and Tanzania. Mr. Watters has supervised on-going operations in Vietnam, India, Indonesia and Iraq along with marketing for these projects. In addition to his role as Director of Business Development, Mr. Watters is also responsible for the branding and public relations functions for Carrix and SSA Marine.



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Sheri is Vice President of Member Services for the Washington Trucking Associations where she has been employed since 2001. Since moving to Washington State in 1994, Sheri has spent her career in freight related businesses from heavy duty truck parts manufacturers to distributorships. She currently represents the trucking industry on Washington State's Freight Advisory Committee. Sheri graduated from the University of Utah in 1994 and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting with an emphasis in managerial and cost accounting. Sheri is active in the Seattle chapter of her Alumni Association and currently serves as Treasurer of that organization.